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—Samuel Gompers.

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REPORT —TO OUR READERS-OWNERS

Unaddressed Junk

Every once in a while the writer of this column reminds his readers —and himself—that the special subject to which the column is supposed to be devoted is what is now called by the nine-bit term, Communication. The press, the radio, TV, free speech, free assembly, all the customs or devices that are supposed to encourage communication of facts and ideas.

One of the important means of communication is the U. S. Post Office. Anything that tends unduly to commercialize its operations, or to clog them, is very bad for communication.

Republican Postmaster Summerfield is now unduly commercializing the operations of the Post Office by paying a big Government subsidy to private business, and certainly he is clogging the operations by overloading the clerks and letter carriers with advertsing material simply addressed—if you can call it an address!—to Occupant or Householder.

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Dumped It in Sewer

In last week's issue of this paper we published the story of a woman in Schenectady, N. Y., who announced to the daily paper there that she's so fed up with having this junk dumped in her mailbox that she pastes on each such piece of "mail" a typed notice saying:

"Please return this trash to sender. I will not accept any more 'mail' not addressed to me by name, and will not patronize any firm which sends it."

We have heard of other people, right here in the Bay Area, who simply mark all such junk, "No Address," and dump it back into a mailbox.

Last Friday, the very day our paper was published with the story of the revolt of the woman in Schenectady, the morning papers told of a letter carrier in San Jose who is charged with dumping a lot of this Occupant-Householder junk into a storm sewer. Now he's accused of "destroying and detaining U. S. mail."

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Back-breaking Subsidies

Some of us feel that Postmaster General Summerfield—this Occupant-Householder racket is one of his pet schemes for subsidizing private business with Government funds and services—should himself be accused of "destroying and detaining" the efficiency of U. S. mail delivery.

Frst the big magazines are subsidized by the Post Office on the ground that their monstrous back-breaking bulk is "educational." Then the Post Office, because it is handing out this subsidy to private business so lavishly, turns up with a "deficit." Then the clerks and letter carriers are told by the Supreme Commander in the White House that the Post Office is too poor to give them decent pay. Then there's this added subsidy for unaddressed junk which the underpaid clerks and letter carriers must handle! Next!

Let's see what they do with that poor guy in San Jose who dumped the junk in the sewer, which is where most Occupants and Householders think it belongs.

Cancer and Cigarettes Checked in Kern County

The Kern County Labor Journal reports:

American Cancer Society volunteers in Kern County have started on a fourth round of interviews with local men concerning their smoking habits, in an effort to shed further light on the relationship of cigarette smoking to a startling increase on lung cancer. Findings of the first three surveys conducted by the Kern County Branch of the Society were included in the statistical report presented to the American Medical Association by Drs. E. Cuyler Hammond and Daniel Horn in San Francisco last June. That report indicated an association between cigarette smoking and increased rates of lung cancer mortality among men in the 50 to 70 age group in which the study was made.

Military Patients To See 'Ice Cycles'

Ninety or more military patients from the Oak Knoll, Mare Island and Livermore V. A. Hospitals will be the guests of the Alameda County employees on Tuesday night, November 30th, to see the "Ice Cycles" at the Oakland Auditorium Arena.

The "Ice Cycles" event and the "Ward Parties" being staged by the County employees every 2nd and 4th Monday nights at Oak Knoll are financed through the U. S. Hospitals Fund Inc. of the Alameda County Employees' Association. Senior Deputy Sheriff J. H. (Jack) Fitzpatrick has been the chairman of this project for 12 years.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

PAINT MAKERS 1101
PLASTERERS 112.
HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178
CEMENT MASONS 594

The Eleven Percenters



Vote by Districts For City Council Favored by Labor

The Central Labor Council this week endorsed the petition now being circulated calling for the voting on Oakland City Council members by only those persons residing in the district which the Council member is to represent.

This system formerly prevailed in Oakland, but was changed to the present one under which a candidate must come from a district, but is voted on by the entire electorate of the city.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash reminded the delegates that some years ago the CLC had authorized the circulating of petitions calling for precisely the change proposed in the petitions currently circulating.

"The current petitions," said Ash, "introduce a plan that was not included in the plan we favored several years ago. That is, the raising of the number of City Councilmen from 9 to 15. However, since the main proposition is precisely the one we have maintained is sound, that of electing Councilmen by district, I believe we should endorse the petitions."

There has been considerable controversy over the refusal of the majority of the present City Council to get the proposal put on the ballot for the next election.

Clancy Reports On Bonds for Israel

Ed Clancy, Newsdrivers 96, officially reported this week to the Central Labor Council on the San Francisco dinner in honor of the 70th birthday of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt which he attended as representative of the council.

He said that the bonds for Israel which were subscribed to by many at the dinner with Mrs. Roosevelt's backing were being considered by many unions as very sound investments. At the dinner the CIO Newspaper Guild in this area subscribed to a $1000 bond, paying off at the end of 10 years at $1500. Mrs. Roosevelt is a member of the Guild.

AFL unions also have already bought some, Clancy reported.

The delegates referred to the welfare committee the question of having the council subscribe to a $250 bond paying off in 10 years at $375.

Office Workers Sign Clothiers, Jewelers

John Kinnick, president and business repreesntative of Office Employees 29, announced the signing this week of agreements with the clothing and jewelry industries here each providing for a $4.33 per month wage boost for all employees.

According to Kinnick, the wage raise with the clothing industry is retroactive to September 1, 1954; while the jewelry industry raise is retroactive to October 1, 1954. Kinnick added that about 150 office employees are affected by the new agreements.

Upholsterers Strike Plant In Berkeley

Members of Upholsterers 28 began picketing the Hummel Furniture Manufacturing Company in Berkeley this week following a breakdown in negotiations involving the upgrading of several job classifications.

Roland Lane, Local 28 business representative, reported that some 60 workers are employed at the Berkeley plant. He added that a meeting between company and union representatives will be held sometime this week under the auspices of a federal conciliator.

Key System Employees Credit Union Reopens In Excellent Condition

The Credit Union of the Key System Employees reopened for business Monday.

Vern Stambaugh, president of Carmen's Union, Division 192, and of Key System Employees Credit Union, announced the fact that the Credit Union was getting under way again. He added that there had been no loss to the shareholders as the result of the suspending of operations August 2, 1953, at the order of the State Corporation Commission.

The closing in 1953 was ordered because of discrepancy in the accounts of the former secretary-treasurer of the Credit Union.

"But through the efforts of the committee," said Stambaugh, "everything has been straightened out, the deficit has been paid by the bonding company, and no shareholder has suffered any loss."

Sailors Union Is Backed by Council

The Central Labor Council went on record this week in support of the Sailors Union of the Pacific in its struggle with the Pacific Maritime Association, the employers' barganing group.

Several ship sailings have been delayed in the course of the dispute, and the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, headed by Harry Bridges, is involved in the controversy.

Harry Lundeberg, leader of the AFL Sailors Union, has long been known as a spokesman for the AFL in its fight to keep the waterfront clear of subversive elements.

Burglars Steel TV Set From Shipyard Workers

Burglars broke into the union headquarters of Shipyard Laborers 886 a week ago Wednesday and carted off a union-owned television set which was bought recently.

The burglary was the second in three weeks for Local 886. At that time the burglars came away empty handed when they failed to open the office safe.

A spokesman for the union stated that police surveillance in that area has apparently been lax. He added that the union, located at 810 - 14th Street, has been burglarized four times in the past three years and that none of the culprits have been apprehended yet.

CLC Seeks Reform In County Vote Counting

The Central Labor Council's Law and Legislative Committee was authorized this week to do what it can to seek reform of the present outmoded method of casting and counting ballots in this county.

Council action was taken on a motion introduced by William J. Foley, Insurance Agents 219. Before making his motion, Foley told of his experience as a member of an election board in the recent election. He said he worked 24 hours for $14.

President John F. Quinn added his support to Foley's motion which was carried unanimously.

Adult Tech Forum

Dr. Louis Wasserman, author, college professor, and former Information and Education Officer of the U. S. Army, will speak on "Greece and Cyprus" at the Technical Adult forum, Tuesday, November 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Claremont Junior High School, 5750 College Avenue.

New Freeway Backed

Construction of the proposed MacArthur Freeway won the unanimous support of the Central Labor Council this week.

Labor Council Has Its Own Pickets At Eden Hospital

The Central Labor Council by unanimous vote Monday made it plain that any person or any group crossing the picket line at Eden Township Hospital is crossing a picket line offically mantained and participated in by the Central Labor Counci itself.

The executive committee of the CLC had held a session Friday at which the situation was thoroughly discussed, with representatives of affected unions present.

The executive committee recommended that the council actively participate in the picketing carried on by Office Employees 29, and place its own pickets alongside those of the Office Employees.

The executive committee's recommendation was accepted without a dissenting voice or vote.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash had previously told the delegates of various false reports about the picketing of the hospital which had apparently been circulated by the hospital administration. Ash explained the situation to a group of ministers interested in the matter, and to others in the area.

IAM Lodge 284 Set To Elect Officers

IAM Journeymen Lodge 284 will elect union officers for the coming year at an election to be held on Tuesday, December 7, 1954 at Cooks' Union Hall, 1608 Webster St.

Those nominated for office at a union meeting held on November 2 yere: president Howard F. Blaisdell and Warren Langtry; vice-president, David M. Wolff; recording secretary, Arthur B. Briggs; financial secretary, Walter S Banks and Michael J. Mangrum; treasurer, Emil C. Hanson; conductor, Gene May; sentinel, Edward Logue; and trustee (3 year term), Joseph A. Bitrick and Warren G. Gannon.

Other nominees included: delegate to the IAM building association, Sam W. Blanford and Thomas D. Butler; delegates to the Central Labor Council, (3), Sam W. Blanford, Edward Logue and Vernon D. Sutcher; delegates to Bay Cities Metal Trades Council (3), Arthur B. Briggs and John J. Kollmeyer; delegates to District 115 (5), Walter S. Banks, R. S. Danielson, John J. Kollmeyer, Floyd G. McGaha, William Stadnisky, David M. Wolff and Louis J. Van Leiden; delegates to the California Conference of Machinists (3), Sam W. Blanford, Arthur B. Briggs, R. S. Danielson, Warren Langtry, Edward Logue, James A. Peterson, Wilbur E. Rogers, and William Stadnisky.

Rumor That Shelley May Run for Mayor of S. F.

Herb Caen's column in the S. F. Examiner last Friday sprung the rumor that Congressman John F. Shelley will run for Mayor of San Francisco in November of next year.

"His close friends confide," said Caen, "that Congr. Jack Shelley has made up his mind to run for Mayor and will announce it next week. Meanwhile, the man who knows most about it is playing cool and quiet."

Council Backs Oregon AFL On Hell's Canyon

The Alameda County Central Labor Council voted this week to contribute funds to the Oregon Federation of Labor for the purpose of continuing the fight for federal rather than private construction of dams in the Hell's Canyon region.

Miller On U. S. Mission To Germany

Witty British Labor Leader Has His Word

Victor Feather, assistant secretary of Great Britain's Trades Union Congress, had his word for British policy this week at the Central Labor Council, and spoke it firmly and with such wit that he repeatedly stirred laughter among his hearers.

Feather's word was spoken in Yorkshire dialect so broad that CLC President John F. Quinn expressed humorous concern lest the man really be an Irishman in disguise.

Feather is making a lecture tour of the United States for the British Information Service, and in the midst of all his humorous chaffing managed to make strong pleas for understanding not only of the policies of the British labor movement but also of those fundamental policies of Great Britain and the Commonwealth upon which British labor and the British Tories are agreed.

GEORGE III GONE!

He asked that Americans realize that George III is no longer King, and said that we have the habit of using the term "colonialism" as though nothing had changed in Britain since the founding of the American Republic.

"As a British taxpayer I am paying money to help people in many parts of the world build a sound economy and learn the art of self-government," he said, "and this cannot be dismissed as the old-fashioned colonialism. What would it do to set people 'free,' as it is called, except to let them fall into hands of those who would certainly not let them continue to be free?"

Commenting on American sensitiveness to any criticism from Britain, he said that this was difficult for any Britisher to understand who had ever watched an American football game.

"I'd not call it a game, but organized assassination," he said. "This is your game, you move in to kill each other, yet you resent a little friendly criticism as though it were fatal."

'SIR AND BROTHER'

Feather suggested that the relations between Britain and the U. S. in general were something like those between representatives allied unions both in Britain and the U. S. He said:

"Both English and American labor union representatives always start their letters off with 'Dear Sir and Brother' and conclude them with 'Yours fraternally' but very often what is said between those courteous beginnings and endings is quite a bit away from being either brotherly or friendly."

Feather remarked that one gets the impression from certain sources in this country that it is the land of free enterprise, which wishes to see much competition.

"But one gathers that the competition," he said, "consists in competitive firms getting together and agreeing on just how much competition there will be. Yet if in our country we nationalize certain basic services that are used by all industries there is a great outcry that we are killing free enterprise and competition!"

He also mentioned the criticism there is when British firms import goods here.

As for the British health plan, Feather said it is now winning such acceptance in Britain that though the Tories admit it was started by the Labor Party, yet the Tories now claim that "it was we who thought of it!"

WEARS NO WIG

He said that some of the criticism of the British health plan seemed utterly fantastic. He especially mentioned all the talk there's been about giving free wigs to persons who through disease have lost all their hair.

Pointing to his own shock of dark hair he aroused laughter by saying:

"I'm not, by the way, wearing a wig. This is my own hair."

Feather believes that much of the misunderstanding between Britons and Americans comes from the great difference between the areas and population problems of the two countries.

"Great Britain altogether is about the size of California," he pointed out. "If some of our union representatives had to travel as far as yours do in the ordinary course of your work, they'd find themselves sunk in the North Sea —and I don't deny that's where a lot of people seem to wish to see us!"

EASY FOR COLUMBUS

He emphasized the point by telling of the Englishman who got on a bus in New York and after riding three days across the vastness of the U. S., nudged his neighbor and remarked:

"They give Christopher Columbus credit for discovering this country, but I don't see how he could possibly have missed it!"

Arrangements for Feather's visit to the council were made by Jeffery Cohelan, Milk Drivers 302, who after his year's stay in Yorkshire, which Feather calls "the Texas of England," is accused by his friends of speaking a fair brand of Yorkshire himself.

JOHN KINNICK, president of Office Employees 29, left Wednesday with Mrs. Kinnick for a vacation trip to Mexico City.

Labor Editor Asks if S. F. Regional Post Office Is Knowland Gravy Pot

Charles W. Clough editor of the Valley Labor Citizen at Fresno has addressed an open letetr to Democratic Congressman John E. Moss of Sacramento, member of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, about the granting of a position in the postal service to a member of the staff of Senator Knowland.

The Knowlander is Robert Fahs, formerly a newspaper and radio reporter in Fresno. In 1951, says Clough, Fahs "was named executive secretary of the Republican State Central Committee, and about a year ago was appointed to the staff of Republican Senator William Knowland in Washington."

Fahs was recently appointed assistant manager of the new regional headquarters of the Post Office Department in San Francisco.

Clough comments that while Fahs was a competent reporter during his years in Fresno, "his past experience does not indicate that he is qualified for a high position in the Post Office Department under good Civil Service practices."

Concluding his letter to Congressman Moss, Clough writes:

"The question naturally comes to mind as to whether the regional office has been established to serve the post office department or the Republican Party. Is this a further corruption of the Federal Civil Service System under the Eisenhower Administration and a return to the "spoils system" for the benefit of the party in power? Are all regional and district office appointments being based on the same standards? These and similar questions should be investigated and answered.

"Loyal career postal employes were recently told by the President that the Government could not afford to give them a long overdue pay increase. Certainly if that were true, the post office department should not be saddled with political appointees for the perpetuation of the party in power.

"Undoubtedly the potential danger of this situation is quite evident to you. We hope that you will give it your early attention and give the public and loyal postal employes the assurance they deserve that the "spoils system" is not going to be allowed to undermine the morale and efficiency of the post office department."

Local IAM Office Building Ready For Construction

The final hurdle to the construction of a new AFL Machinists' office building in Oakland was cleared here on November 17 when the IAM Building Association Incorporated decided on Wallace Webb & Son, Hayward contractor, to erect the IAM building on the corner of 13th and Castro Streets.

According to plans supplied by architects Fritz and Virginia Kruger, the office building will provide space for the offices of IAM District Lodge 115 and affiliated locals operating in Alameda County. The Locals include Journeymen Lodge 284 and Production Workers 1518 and 1566.

The property, which covers 27,500 square feet, was purchased a year ago by the Building Association.

According to Walter S. Banks, secretary-treasurer of the Association, the new office building will cover an area of 5525 square feet and will include a basement. He added that a huge auditorium and spacious parking facilities will also be provided.

In addition to Banks, financial secretary of Lodge 284, the other members of the IAM Building Association include President John Seffer, Ernest Aronson and Parke White, all of Lodge 1518; Theodore Pino, Stanley Baker and John T. Schiavenza of Local 1566; and Sam W. Blanford and Emil Hanson of Lodge 284.

Beeson Read Those Election Returns

Shortly before Albert C. Beeson of San Jose announced that he planned to drop out of the National Labor Relations Board, the Teamsters' Report from Washington made this comment:

"Beeson, confirmed by Republican Senate committee on a straight party vote, realizes he would be blackballed by a Democratic controlled Senate, has written a confidential letter taking Ike off the hook, announcing his desire to return to private business."

Beeson was appointed by President Eisenhower to the NLRB for a one-year term in the face of strong labor opposition. His regular job is that of labor relations man for the big corporation which owns Westvaco at Newark, a hard outfit for unions to deal with.

This County Leads On Factory Wages

Of the 9 counties in the Bay Area, Alameda county stands first in the amount of insured wages in manufacturing industries paid in 1953, according to the San Francisco Bay Area Council. By insured wages are meant those insured under Social Security. Following are the Big Four:

1—Alameda county: $321,481,275
2—San Francisco: $317,715,021
3—Contra Costa: $147,143,320
4—Santa Clara: $117,759,657.

Labor Temple Women Thank Whist Backers

Mrs. Tillie Bartmess, chairman of the recent benefit whist put on by the Labor Temple Women's Auxiliary, conveyed her organization's thanks this week to all those unionists who made the affair a big success.

4138 on Relief

County Welfare Director S. H. Thompson reports that November 16 there were 4138 persons on general relief as compared with 4113 October 19, and 3068 on November 1 last year.

Congressman Thanks Labor For Support

Congressman George P. Miller appeared before the Central Labor Council Monday, thanked the AFL unions here for their role in helping him to his reelection by a two-to-one vote, and then left to make arrangements for an official trip to Germany.

"Had it not been for labor and for the labor press here I could not have defeated my opponent in the recent election so overwhelmingly," said Miller.

The Congressman called special attention to the role of the labor press.

"The labor press," he said, "is now the only medium through



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which the sentiments of liberals can be expressed, and which can be counted on to support those candidates with the interests of labor at heart. It is my earnest hope that the labor press here will continue to grow and thrive."

Miller then explained that by next Monday he expected to be in Frankfort, Germany, after that a brief time in Spain, and back here at home by about December 15.

"There are many things I wish to talk over with you before the new Congress goes into session in January," he said, "and it is my hope that between December 15 and January 1 this can be done."

Miller is going to Washington first, and join others of a subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee for the trip to Western Germany, where hearings will be held on a scandal which has broken loose on the selling of insurance to members of the Armed Forces.

As Miller was leaving the council chamber, someone called out, "George, be sure to say hello to Joe in Washington!"

There was general laughter, as it is known that Miller never has had anything to do with the McCarthy forces of reaction.

In his talk Miller had mentioned the type of smearing engaged in by backers of his opponent during the last days of the election campaign. This kind of smearing is associated in labor's mind with McCarthy and Nixon.

This is the third official mission to Germany Miller has made in recent years as a member of a subcommittee examining various problems that have come up.

Unemployment Pay Chiselers Get No Union Aid: Burkett

Teamsters Joint Council No. 38, with headquarters in Sacramento, announces that it has received a letter in which State Employment Director William A. Burkett "hastened to clarify whatever impression may exist that organized labor was participant in any fraud" involving unjustified collecting of unemployment insurance benefits.

The Teamsters' statement says that when Burkett issued a report to Governor Knight on unemployment insurance chiseling, "the resultant publicity . . . created an impression in many circles that, inasmuch as a large percentage of the workers in California were members of labor organizations, these workers and their unions were the major influences in the perpetration of the fraudulent practices."

Burkett, seeking to correct this impression, said in his letter to Teamsters Council 38:

"I wish at this time to make it a matter of record that in my investigation which brought about the expose of extensive unemployment insurance chiseling, I never found at any time that organized labor ever condoned or participated in obtaining unemployment insurance benefits for its members.

"We have always found that unions have offered full cooperation to the Department's fraud detection and prevention program. We have always found that union officials have offered their books and records willingly and have cooperated fully in testifying against those who chiseled."

Store Clerks 1265 Win Hayward Pact

A substantial wage increase and a health and welfare plan for all employees were part of the benefits won by Department and Specialty Store Employees 1265 in a contract signed last week with the Economy Department Store, 1019 B Street, Hayward.

Russ Mathiesen, Local 1265 secretary, reported that the contract provides for wage boosts ranging from $6.50 to $12.75 per week, and an employer-paid health and welfare plan of $8.66 per month per employee.

Other provisions in the contract call for time and a half for all work after 6 p.m., and the standard union vacation benefits of one week after one year employment, two weeks after two years.

Mathiesen added that the store, which handles women's apparel exclusively, is now deserving of the patronage of organized labor.

Candy Workers 119-C Reelect All Officers

All officers of Candy Workers 119-C were reelected for one-year terms at a union election held on November 17. Those reelected were Mary Tuffeli, president; Richard Rae, vice-president; Harry Duggan, financial secretary; Muriel Collins, recording secretary; and Al Bendit, sergeant-at-arms.

Executive Board members reelected included Henry Caputo, Ann Chacalis, Grace Correia, Cora Kelly and Emma Krasevich. Two new executive board members elected were Sam Chiovare and James Krauss.

Fifth Trial of Bridges On One Charge, They Say

A press release from the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union criticizes the "forthcoming denaturalization and deportation proceedings against ILWU President Harry Bridges" on the ground that this will be "the fifth trial on the same discredited charges."

State Federation Exec Council Meet Dec. 2-3

State Federation News Service

State legislative plans for 1955 will highlight the agenda of the final quarterly meeting of the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor set for December 2-3 in the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco.

The state AFL executive group will also consider all resolutions referred to it by action of the 1954 convention.

Selection of the 1955 State Federation convention city will be decided at the session.

San Diego and Santa Rosa are both bidding for the 1954 convention.

The two-day meeting will open Thursday morning, December 2.

President Thomas L. Pitts will call the session to order at 10 a.m.

The 26-man executive body is comprised of President Thomas L. Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer C. J. Haggerty, and 24 regional vice presidents.

Robert S. Ash and Paul Jones are State Federation vice-presidents from Alameda County.

Demo-for-Demo Not Demo-for GOP Is Aim

Lou Talbot of Paint Makers 1101 calls attention to an interesting squib which appeared in Herb Caen's column in the S. F. Examiner on November 19. Wrote Caen, "Local Democrats are in for a hefty shaking up. The big boys back East are fed up with things like Democrats-for-Knight, Democrats-for-Kuchel, etc., and will lop heads. What they want, in short, are Democrats-for-Democrats."

To all of which Talbot says, "Amen!"

HOW TO BUY

Avoid Synthetic-Fabric Tragedies

By SYDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Many families, especially in industrial areas, have had the mystifying and costly experience of seeing their nylon curtains, hose and other nylon goods seemingly disintegrate for no apparent reason. Others have had such experience as ironing an Orlon garment and finding that creases accidentally made by the iron could not be removed, or pressing a Dacron blouse or shirt with a hot iron and finding the material fused into a hard substance.

Now that synthetic fabrics have come down to more reasonable prices and are coming into wide use, you need to avoid having such mishaps happen to you.

Many of these unfortunate incidents occurred because manufacturers themselves were inexperienced in how to make up and finish the new fabrics, some sought also to capitalize on the "wonder-fabric" publicity with poorly-made products, and Dupont's vast publicity campaign extolled the virtues of the new fibers without also explaining their defects.

The case of the disintegrating nylons is now explained this way. Industrial gases found in many large towns near factories attack nylon with damaging effects which have been observed often in nylon curtains and hose particularly.

Also, one type of nylon—the so-called "dull" nylon used in dresses because of its preferred appearance—deteriorates in sunlight, and many curtains have been made of this kind of nylon. This is the worst possible idea since curtains must be sun-resistant. The "bright" nylon which more careful curtain manufacturers use, is more sun-resistant.

If you do live in an industrial center where fumes are a problem, note that for curtains, Orlon and Dacron resist gases better than nylon.

This department has prepared the following table of synthetic fibers indicating their chief characteristics and uses, and preferred laundering methods, based on material from the American Standard Assn., the Canadian Assn. of Consumers, manufacturers and other authoritative sources. You may find it useful to clip this table for reference when shopping or laundering:

DACRON: Considered strongest and most resilient of the new fibers. It is often blended with rayon to reduce the cost, or wool to provide absorbency and other qualities of wool. Dacron can be washed in warm water with a synthetic detergent, or in a washing machine for a short period. It should be rinsed well and dried carefully because any accidental crease may become permanent and is not removable in ironing. It should be ironed at a low temperature or it may glaze or fuse.

ORLON: Orlon looks like silk but can be processed to resemble wool, and is often used by itself or in blends with other fibers for suits, sweaters, coats. It has good wear resistance (equal or better than cotton) and is highly resistant to sunlight. It should be washed by hand with warm water with a synthetic detergent, and rinsed well. It is easier to iron than most synthetic fabrics but be careful because a crease accidentally iron into an Orlon fabric will be difficult or impossible to remove. Iron with a low temperature setting.

ACRILAN: One of the newest synthetic fibers. Similar to Orlon in qualities and uses and sometimes a little less costly, but not quite as resistant to sunlight.

NYLON: Most familiar of the synthetic fibers. Has high strength and resistance to abrasion (excellent for socks) and good recovery from wrinkles. But is uncomfortable in humid weather, ravels if not properly woven and forms fiber pills in some types of goods (most frequently spun nylon). Even as little as five or ten percent of nylon in a blend adds abrasion resistance, but 15 percent is needed for adding strength. It is easy to wash by hand and dries quickly.

It can also be washed in a machine for a short wash period if it has no delicate trim and seams are large and securely constructed enough so there is no danger of fraying. But avoid washing white nylon (Dacron too) in the same tub or machine with colored fabrics because their static electricity tends to attract dye from other garments and gives that "off white" tinge that many people have complained about. As with other colored fabrics, keep colored nylon away from too much direct sunlight. Beware using too hot an iron on nylon; use only a moderately hot temperature as for rayon.

DYNEL: Looks and feels like wool, but is shrinkproof and quick drying, thus easier to wash. It is also mothproof. Best washing method: by hand, with a synthetic detergent, but don't try to iron Dynel as it is sensitive to heat.

VICARA: A semi-synthetic made from corn protein. It's soft, luxurious, and light in weight, but has poor abrasion resistance and is weak when wet, thus is generally used in blends with wool or rayon to add softness and wrinkle recovery. Can be washed by machine for a short period but preferably by hand in low temperature, with a synthetic detergent, and rinsed carefully.

Making Ends Meet

Long-Term Job

The need for counseling young women to plan and prepare for long-term earning is stressed in a recently published study made by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

"Very often marriage and not the job is the interlude," is a conclusion of the authors, Miss Babette Kass and Miss Rose C. Feld.

The study was made among 16,059 members of the federation. This organization differs from the total population of working women in this country in that there are more single women, college graduates and high wage earners in the group. However, their answers are indicative of the new kind of future that faces today's young woman who works.

Whether single or married, this young woman will in one out of three cases have a dependent or dependents. There are four chances out of five that she will contribute to her family's expenses and, if she does, there is one chance in five that she will be the sole support of her family.

Marriage is no guarantee that she can cease to support herself or others (more than half the women in the country's labor force today are married). In this survey, of the 56 percent that are or had been married, 43 percent of the married, 44 percent of the divorced and a third of the widowed had dependents. Even when there was another earner in the family, 54 percent of the married women were major contributors to family expenses.

JESSE A. BARSBALLE, a long time member of Electricians 595, passed away in Albany on November 19 at age 56 leaving his wife, Blanche E.; a daughter, Mrs. Patricia L. Real; a brother, Thomas; sisters, Mrs. Anna Engelso, Mrs. Lydia Lewenberger, and Mrs. Alma Sexton; and one grandson.

THOMAS FURTADO, a member of Stove Mounters 61, passed away in Centerville on November 19 at age 53 leaving his wife, Vernie; a son, Donald; a daughter, Mrs. Shirley Peixoto; brothers, Joseph L. and John; sisters, Rose, Mary, and Mrs. Louise Rose; and one grandson.

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FROM THE EDITOR TO THE LADIES:

BABY SITTERS get into the news pretty often with misadventures, misdeeds, heroic acts, etc.

That was a good one not long ago about the woman acting as a baby sitter who discovered her infant charge lying face down in a bathtub full of water. She was so agitated that she ran out of the house screaming, not stopping to do anything for the baby.

Fortunately she located a passer-by who rushed in and rescued the baby.

SUCH A PERFORMANCE makes it easy to understand why the Health Department of West Orange, N. J., decided to give a course in baby-sitting to girls of an age range from 10½ to 14 years.

The course lasted five weeks during which time the young ladies were instructed by public health nurses in basic child care—feeding, diapering, and amusing their small charges.

Discussions also were held on how to conduct themselves on the job, what they were to expect from parents of the babies they cared for, and what the parents could expect from them.

It was suggested that baby sitters would do well to refrain from raiding the icebox, and from opening the door to unexpected visitors.

ONE LITTLE GIRL wishing to take the course and get her certificate as a qualified baby sitter wrote to the Health Department that her mother was going to have a baby and that "it would be wonderful if I could learn to help her care for it."

It's getting to be quite an occupation, and a very important one. Maybe some of the old random ways of getting almost anyone to discharge this important function will soon be abandoned.

24,000 More Jobless as Canning Season Ended

California manufacturing employment decreased to 1,061,400 wage and salary workers in October, a drop of 24,400 from September, Paul Scharrenberg, California Director of Industrial Relations, announced recently.

Seasonal contraction in fruit and vegetable canning accounted for 85 percent of this drop. Also contributing to the decline were seasonal losses in tin can manufacturing, continued layoffs in the automobile industry due to model changes, and a drop in aircraft employment.

DONALDSON'S CROSSROADS, PA.—More than 1,500 unemployed workers flooded this small community and created a traffic jam in answering a three-line "help wanted" ad run in four area newspapers.

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Child-Rearing

Broken Homes

Problems or adjustment among teen-agers from broken homes and those from homes with both parents present do not differ as much as might be expected, findings of researchers at the State College of Washington indicate.

A few major differences between the groups of young people did appear. Economic maturity seemed to be achieved earlier among the boys and girls from broken homes. There also seemed to be a decidedly greater tendency for these young people to participate in family councils and share the remaining parent's problems. This would seem to be a desirable experience, Dr. Landis suggested, in helping them achieve closeness with the parent as well as attain "a mature understanding of adult life and its problems." There appeared also to be less parental prying into the affairs of the young person in the broken home and less criticism of dates.

No striking differences were found between the two groups on attitudes toward marriage and sex. However, young people in the homes broken by divorce or separation, particularly the girls, tended a little more toward extreme views. They were more likely to consider early marriage or to be negative toward marriage, the report concludes, and somewhat more likely to rate sex education as of greater importance than did young people in unbroken families.

Speaking of Clothes

Kick Pleats

Kick pleats are set into skirts below the knee. Usually, it is easiest to cut the pleats in one piece with the skirt seam.

Stitch the seams and fold the pleat to one side, then stitch across the top of the pleat. This is the only line of stitching that shows on the front of the garment and it keeps the pleat from sagging. Turn the hem after the pleat is stitched. Cut through the seam above the hem so that the work lies smooth.

Cotton Sox

When a proposal was put before the Danish Parliament that Denmark barter old woolen garments with Germany for mercerized cotton stockings, Frau Lis Gross, Denmark's Minister of Commerce and the mother of nine children, rejected it.

"I know Danish women would not wear mercerized cotton—so the whole consignment would be wasted," she said.

"All of which shows the advantage of having a woman Cabinet minister," commented one newspaper.

PAINTERS made the greatest wage gains among unionized building tradesmen in the three-month period ending October 1, the Labor Department reported, with an average raise of 3.3 cents an hour.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

WHEN THE PILGRIMS at Plymouth reaped their first harvest in the fall of 1621, one year after having reached this country, they held a feast at which they rejoiced and gave thanks for the bounty of that harvest which meant so much to them.

Ever since, we have celebrated Thanksgiving Day, trying to remember, at least once a year, the importance of that first Thanksgiving, and trying to remember, also, that we today have many things to be thankful for.

We, too, have gone through some hard times, of a different kind, in the past dozen or so years. And this year we have one great blessing, freedom from war.

There is no real war going on in the world any place. Our boys are not being sent out to die on any battlefield. When we are thinking of the things we have to be thankful for, that is the first thing that rises to the minds of most of us.

In our personal lives, here in America, we have a lot to give thanks for. Most of us have enough to eat, adequate shelter and clothes, access to medical care, and a good deal of entertainment.

We are all too likely to take a lot of this for granted, even though we know that people of many other lands do not fare so well.

Therefore, since we are all given to a good deal of griping about our troubles, real or imaginary, it is a good thing to have an official day on which we sit down and think of our blessings for a change.

Let us hope that most of us did not make this holiday one of reckless driving, over-eating and heedless celebration, but that we tried to get down under our layers of worldliness and remembered to be thankful for these very real blessings.

Just Curious

The small boy had just asked his father: "Where did I come from, Daddy?" The boy seemed to listen attentively, and at the end of the explanation his father asked him: "What made you ask, son?"

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Household Hints

Electricity

If the new TV set you just bought flickers and blurs, you're probably blaming the kids for meddling with the button or wishing you'd bought another brand. Have you considered the possibility that the electric circuit just can't take another appliance?

Most of the houses we live in today were wired when electric lights and refrigerators were the only electric appliances commonly used. Most branch circuits in a house or apartment, can't carry more than 15 amperes. This means only about 1,750 watts can be connected at one time with safety.

An automatic toaster alone takes 1,100 watts. Floor lamps may take up to 300 and TV uses about 300. Thus in addition to lights and refrigerators most circuits in a home can take little more than one other major appliance without overloading. As the excess demand on a circuit builds up, voltage starts to drop, just like water pressure when too many faucets are running at once. This causes less electric current to reach the outlets, resulting in dim lights and faulty appliance performance.

An added disadvantage is that you still pay for this wasted energy because the current is lost along the wires after it has passed through the meter.

If fuses blow out repeatedly, it's a danger signal and you should take special care against continued overloading.

Unless you can have your house rewired, the best solution may be simply to avoid turning on all your appliances at once and make it a habit to turn off those you're not actually using. When you're ironing in the kitchen, remember to turn off the TV and floor lamps in the living room.

WALTER W. JACKSON, a member of Painters 127, died here on November 20 leaving his wife, Gladys L.; a son, Robert E.; his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Griffes; and a sister, Mrs. Calva Stewart.

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With teen-age girls "appearing determined to avoid household drudgery" the future market for labor-saving devices around the home could increase considerably. Dester Rand declares. Rand, president of Youth Research Institute, based his observation on conclusions he reached after a recent survey he conducted among 250 teen-age girls in the Midwest. The institute is an agency that specializes in polling the opinions of young people.

"Teen-age girls are very vehement on the subject of housework, vowing that when they get married they aim to reduce it as much as possible," he said. He found that the girls wanted such devices as dishwashing and drying machines, home laundries and were intrigued by such items as electric coffeemakers and automatic garbage disposal units.

"They have not settled down to the drudgery of housework as have their mothers and do not appear inetrested in acquiring the habit if there is something on the horizon or in the appliance dealer's showroom that can prevent it," Rand declared.

He does not believe that this attitude should be interpreted as indolence.

"It is just that the girls have seen and learned about these things and feel they will help them to increase their range of activities," he explained.

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Varden Fuller On Queer Mix of Farm And City Workers

California usually heads the list of States in value of agricultural production.

But according to an analysis made by Varden Fuller, University of California agricultural economist, this State is getting more all the time like "the industrial-metropolitan States," such as Massachussetts, New Jersey, and New York, and less like Iowa, the State which is California's competitor as top agricultural producer.

There's a great tangle of part-time work patterns in California, Fuller's survey shows. That is, farm people working in factories and offices, and factory and office people working on farms.

Incidentally, many labor people will remember that Fuller isn't only an agricultural economist; he's also a very able labor economist, and was for years in the law office of Mathew O. Tobriner, where he helped many unions in presenting economic data during negotiations.

Varden's report in California Agriculture, the university's publication on agricultural sciences, says:

"Many people — including operators as well as hired laborers — whose principal occupation is agriculture, do not live on farms; while many people who do live on farms are gainfully employed outside of agriculture."

One third of the gainfully employed farm residents, Fuller said, are working in nonagricultural occupations.

Nearly two-thirds of all farm women gainfully employed, earn livings in nonfarm jobs, he continued.

Discussing types of nonagricultural jobs, Fuller said: "the bulk of the men are craftsmen and factory workers; the women are heavily concentrated in clerical and service occupations; and both men and women are employed in professional, technical and managerial occupations in about the same ratios as in the entire state."

Fuller said that eight percent of the farm operators with farms earning $25,000 or more annually work at least 100 days per year in nonagricultural jobs; four and nine-tenths percent of these people earn more in their nonfarm jobs.

Thirty-seven and eight-tenths percent of the state's farmers owning farms with yearly incomes of up to $2,499 work more than 100 days in the city and 43.4 percent earn more in their nonagricultural jobs.

DELEGATES representing some 70,000 Ladies Garment Workers in New York, New England and Pennsylvania called on President Eisenhower to "carry out his pledge and restore prosperity to our country" instead of decrying "prophets of doom and gloom."

JOSE DOMINGUEZ, a member of IAM Production Machinists 1518, died in San Leandro on November 14 leaving his wife, Pura; sons, Joe, John, Lawrence and Frank; a daughter, Carmen; and 11 grandchildren.

CORPORATION STOCKHOLDERS received $41 million more in dividends last month than they did in October 1953, the Commerce Department reported. The total was $594 million.

Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers May Picket Carbone's

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

The union was preparing to start picketing John Carbone at 1414 Burlingame Avenue, Burlingame, last Saturday, however, in the meantime, we have been conferring with attorneys representing both the union and Carbone, in an attempt to reach a satisfactory settlement. At this time it is still nip and tuck as to whether or not a picket line will be the only recourse left for the union.

Another REMINDER! — There is no San Francisco union membership meeting in November or December. Please mail your union dues to the office.

Trade for Transit System Drummed Up By Union Drivers

The Motorman, Conductor, and Motor Coach Operator, published by the international union to which Carmen's Division 192 here belongs, published in its November issue the following account of how the workers on declining transit systems went out and drummed up business:

The transit business for a long time has been in a state of hopelessness bordering in some instances on the verge of collapse.

Management's approach to the problem of falling revenues as the result of loss of riding has been completely negative. About the best answer many of the bosses could come up with was the further reduction of service, which meant fewer riders, even less revenue and the loss of our jobs.

Then some of our officers and members—first in Rock Island, Davenport and Moline—came up with an idea. Realizing how this situation affects our jobs and working conditions, they took positive action.

They went out among the people and solicited business from fellow trade unionists, their neighbors and the traveling public generally.

They advertised and they showed their appreciation of the public's support by their courtesy and friendliness. The press took up the story and gave it favorable attention.

The business began to pick up. In Rock Island, for instance, summer schedules were not cut for the first time in years.

The idea was picked up by our members in other localities and now has spread across the whole country. Men and management took new heart and enthusiasm as public reaction and interest turned favorably toward us.

The feeling of distress that hung over us has been supplanted by one of hope and even enthusiasm as our efforts bear fruit.

Even out in Spokane (ironically a National City Lines property) the people prayed for us every noon when our members of Div. 1015 were on strike. That was a splendid expression of good will and it had its effect.

We've got something here. Let's keep up the good work. It's really the rider who pays our wages and as his tribe increases our chances for improvement of our lot grow in proportion.



Paint Makers 1101

A Special Meeting for members of Paint Makers 1101 will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 1954 in Hall M at the AFL Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street at 8 p.m.

Purpose of the meeting is to consider contract negotiations to date and to take action thereon.

Fraternally,
JACK KOPKE
Representative

Plasterers 112

There will be a special called meeting of this Local on Thursday, December 2, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., for the purpose of electing a member to the union executive board to take the place of the deceased Tom Munro. We also will act on a resolution to install three coat work exteriors in the by-laws.

As this is a very vital matter to our Local, let's have a really large turnout for this meeting.

Fraternally,
GEORGE WHITTON,
Secretary-Treasurer

Hayward Painters 1178

The regular meeting of this Local will be called to order at 8 p.m. Friday, December 3. We will probably decide for or against a lunch for the members after the last meeting in December. Come out and help decide this question.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT S. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Cement Masons 594

The next meeting of this Local to be held on Thursday, December 2, in Hall 1 at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, will be a special meeting.

Special order of business will be the nomination of officers for the year 1955.

Fraternally yours,
BRUCE DILLASHAW
Secretary

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER—THEATRICAL EMPLOYES B-82

Up and Down the Theatrical Aisle

By JOE CONNELLY

Up and down the aisle . . . **Bruce Garrison**, formerly of the T & D, replacing **Frank Schiell** on the Roxie relief door . . . **Shirley Francis** leaving the warmth of the T & D foyer candy counter for the cold of Maine. Probably be back after the holidays. We think she'll be frank in admitting the west beats the east . . . **Nat Aydelotte** is the new doorman at the T & D . . . **Lynne Duke**, leaving the Broadway . . . **Anita Valdez**, leaving the same house to await arrival of the stork . . . **Wilma Wilson Nice** of the Fox in Richmond, suffering an injury to her hand when it was caught in the candy counter deep freeze . . . Old-timers both in and out of the amusement game will remember **Dan Reardon**, the only member this union has ever presented with a life membership. We heard from Dan's sister recently and he asked to be remembered to his many friends. We realize that with the turnover in our industry many of the current members came in after Dan's retirement, but to those who were acquainted with him we wish to present this message. His current address is 1208 Riverside Drive; San Jose, California and he would be pleased to hear from any of you. He recently passed his 85th birthday and although confined to a wheel chair has lost none of his zest for life . . . **The final union meeting of the month is scheduled for tomorow morning at 10 a.m.** During the month of December meetings will be held as usual on the 2nd Wednesday at 10 a.m. and the 3rd Thursday at 11:30 p.m., but as the 4th Saturday would fall on Christmas day, for the month of December only the Saturday meeting will be held one week earlier on the 3rd Saturday (18th) . . . Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and the necessity of turning in our copy earlier than usual we present a comparatively brief column this week.

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State Labor Body Meets in Oakland

The State CIO convention held in Oakland Auditorium ended its business Sunday by approving a resolution calling for an increase in unemployment compensation insurance.

At present the maximum is $30 for 26 weeks. The CIO convention called for 85% of the weekly wage for 39 weeks.

The convention turned down a proposal that the CIO begin to work for revision of the Taft-Hartley Law, instead of demanding outright repeal.

Government development and distribution of power was favored, although the Utility Workers opposed Government distribution of power, contending that function is better left in the hands of private interests.

Victor Feather, assistant secretary of the British Trade Union Congress, traveling over the country on a lecture tour for the British Information Service, told the convention that Britain is not exporting anything to Red China not exported by U. S. to Red China.

Senate censure of Senator McCarthy was demanded in one resolution.

The convention adopted resolutions against trade with Red China, against seating Red China in the United Nations, and calling for the U. S. to dissociate itself from the colonialism of Britain and France. In another resolution, Russia's offers of "peaceful coexistence" were criticized as a "fatal illusion."

A resolution entitled "Freedom to Read" was adopted after much discussion had made it plain that the CIO is opposed to placing subversive materials in the schools.

John Despol, State secretary-treasurer of the organization, made a speech calling for continued support of the United Nations.

Packing house workers from Salinas protested to the convention against the importing of Mexican nationals to take their work away from them.

A REVISED EDITION of the booklet, "National Bricklaying Apprenticeship Program and Standards," has been issued by the Bureau of Apprenticeship, U. S. Department of Labor. Copies are available without charge from the Labor Department, Washington 25, D. C.

Free Mailing for M'Carthy Docum'nt

East Bay Labor Journal has received a huge document—sent free by the sender under Government frank—from Senator Joe McCarthy.

This is the document that was laid on every Senator's desk by the McCarthy forces at the opening of the censure session which McCarthy's elbow blocked in a scrimmage.

It contains many reproductions from the Daily Worker, the New York Commie sheet of which the People's World is an echo. One gathers from the reproductions that the Commies don't like McCarthy. The implication is that anyone opposing McCarthy is either a Commie, a fellow traveler, or an ignorant dupe of the Kremlin.

This implication is stressed by the fact that McCarthy in his big document quotes conservative papers which he has repeatedly hinted were "pink" because they had the audacity to criticize him.

McCarthy's quotation from the New York Times on an unnamed date in February, 1954, doubtless is reproduced with the idea that it will show that famous paper is pinko:

"The Wisconsin Senator has succeeded in creating a situation in which anyone who doesn't like him, anyone who doesn't say what Mr. McCarthy wants him to say, anyone who is even mildly liberal, one might almost say anyone who is normally intelligent and can read, is under suspicion."

Teacher Organizers Plan Strategy Here

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council, reported that he has been holding several meetings here lately with Ed Ross and other state and national organizers of the AFL Teachers Union with the aim of coordinating their organizing efforts.

CAMILLE BERNARDEAU, a member of Hayward Bartenders and Waiters 823, died in San Leandro on November 21 at age 48 leaving his wife, Florence; his mother, Mrs. Eugenie Bernardeau; sons, Camille Jr., and Roland; daughters, Dolores, Emile, Mary and Yvonne; and a brother, Marcel.

Printers' Auxiliary Xmas Party on Dec. 2

By Muriel J. Pfaffenberger
Press Correspondent

The December meeting of Woman's Auxiliary 26 is to be held at New Milani's, Telegraph Avenue and West Grand Avenue. This is to be our Christmas Party and the date is December 2 the first Thursday of December.

It is to be a day out for all of us and each member will pay for her own luncheon which will be roast turkey with all the trimmings.

Remember to bring a gift to exchange, 50 cents value with name inside of package.

For any further information call either Mrs. Freda Cripps, LA 5-5826 or Mrs. Elizabeth Fee, BE 7-3972.

BETTER CITIZENS are encouraged through the inspiring program of the Camp Fire Girls which is one of the 104 agencies which the United Crusade is asking you to support this fall. The youngsters enjoy recreational programs in addition to learning about community service and adult responsibility.

SENATORS JOHNSON (D., S. C.) and Neely (D., W. Va.) say they will introduce a 10 percent Federal pay raise bill retroactive to last August 23.

AFL PRESIDENT George Meany announces that labor's political activities will be intensified and expanded to elect liberal majorities to Congress in 1956.

Engineers Seek 2-Year Standard Brands Pact

William P. Fee, Central Labor Council assistant secretary, reported that negotiations with Standard Brands are still under discussion for a 2-year contract sought by Stationary Engineers 39. Local 39 employees have been working at the plant on 1-year agreements.

Fee added that the company has conceded union demands for an 11 cents an hour wage increase across-the-board, an additional 1 cent per hour for night shift work and 2 cents an hour more for work on the graveyard shift. The wage raises will be retroactive to October 1, 1954.

Frank Brantley of Local 39 rose to tell the council delegates that the CIO Yeast Workers in the same plant already have a 2-year contract.

MRS. LOIS MADELINE RASH, a member of Retail Clerks 870, passed away in Berkeley on November 15 at age 62 leaving a daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Whiting; a sister, Mrs. Lulu Blanche Angell; a step-daughter, Mrs. Marion Funnell; and two grandchildren.

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FIRED LIBRARIAN WRITES PROTEST

Editor, Labor Journal

You have always taken such a good position against witch hunts, I thought that you and your readers might be interested in my personal witch hunt.

I have been dismissed from the Oakland Public Library, so I am told, for misconduct and insubordination, or for asserting my right to be told what I may read, and what I may think, or with whom I may associate.

A peculiar anomaly presents itself to the American people. On the one hand, censure of Senator McCarthy is being debated by the United States Senate. On the other hand, his ominous shadow seems not to have followed him into the censure chambers, but has remained behind on many administrative door steps.

Our Oakland library steps should not be contaminated by the shadow of bigotry. Our Oakland Library Board need not have been frightened. Our Assistant City Attorney need not have obeyed the dictates of the "five o'clock shadow". Good people, following good American tradition, are not likely to tolerate this enforced conformity to a passing political tyranny, named McCarthyism.

With an impeccable professional record, it is strange that suddenly I am a security risk. For many years, I have been helping patrons select their love stories, wild westerns, whodonits, "how-to-do-it books" and more serious reading. I have been and shall always remain unalterably opposed to book burning, Hitler OR McCarthy style.

I should like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the many heartening and encouraging messages which I received after notice of my dismissal It is indeed gratifying to see honest people come forth courageously and denounce the real un-Americans and the subverters of our Constitution and our Bill of Rights.

I will not take my dismissal supinely. I know that I will not be alone in fighting for my rights, for what has happened to me can happen to anyone.

I am no stranger to labor unions, having served as president of a library local of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. The lessons I learned in that period have become deeply ingrained in my social attitudes. I am emphatically convinced of the sharpest lesson of all, and that is, no individual and no group can afford to stand idly by while a friend is attacked by a common enemy, in this case, McCarthyism.

Fraternally yours,
REBECCA WOLSTENHOLME

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ANGA BJORNSON

Editor, Labor Journal:

Thank you for your assistance in helping me win such loyal support in the November election. My only regret in not winning is that I disappointed many who voted for and worked hard for me.

I fought my campaign for State Senator on the issues and my large vote indicates that the people were interested in issues rather than generalities.

May I say once again, thank you, your staff and all the thousands of other AFL labor people who gave their time and effort in my behalf.

Sincerely,
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L. A. TIMES

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The old approach was to lower the fat intake to a minimum and keep the carbohydrate level moderate. The new diet, however, is high in protein, moderate in fat and low in carbohydrates, reflecting latest nutritional thinking.

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Editorials

THANKSGIVING FOR GOOD UNIONS

Members of good unions which care for their economic advancement had much to be thankful for yesterday when Thanksgiving Day was observed.

Some of us union people are, however, to put it mildly, conservative about being thankful. Our attitude brings to mind the tourist who was visiting a remote part of Mexico.

In company with a Mexican friend he visited a place where hot springs and cold springs bubbled side by side. He watched the women boiling their clothes in the hot springs and rinsing them in the cold springs. Finaly he said to his Mexican friend:

"I guess they think old Mother Nature is pretty generous!"

"No, Senor," replied his friend. "There is much grumbling because she supplies no soap."

The Sales Tax Is the One to Cut

The State Franchise Tax Board has prepared bills to be submitted to the Legislature writing into State law the tax cuts allowed on the Federal help-the-rich-soak-the-poor bill passed by the 83d Congress. John J. Campbell, executive officer of the board, says the board isn't advocating these changes; it is merely submitting them in the form of bills so the Legislature may adopt them if it so desires.

Figures published n the daily press show that a total of $221,168,000 annually is received by the State from personal income taxes and corporation taxes. So the editor of East Bay Labor Journal called up the State Equalization Board to find out how much income the State got from the sales tax, the poor man's tax, in the last fiscal year for which the date is complete. The result was about as expected: a great deal more than twice as much comes in from the sales tax as from personal income taxes and corporation taxes.

The figures are: State income from personal income tax and corporation tax, $221,168,000; from sales tax $460,195,520.

If Governor Knight wishes to continue with his celebrated pose as the friend of the workingman and the champion of the smaller income folks, let him propose to the Legislature that the sales tax be cut, not the income tax and the corporation tax.

It is true that folks with smaller incomes are hit to some extent by the income tax, but the sales tax is the one that really pounds 'em. Every time they go into a ten-cent store and pay 15 cents for an item at one counter, out goes that penny tax; and at the next counter for the next 15 cents another "penny for the Governor," as the saying is. It mounts up, brothers and sisters. Sure it does: up to $460,195,250!

We're going to watch this deal, and see how it turns out.

'Mc. C.-Knowland-Fulton Lewis Axis'

Commenting on the firing by Secretary of State Dulles of John Paton Davies, a distinguished career diplomat, the Colorado Labor Advocate speaks plainly:

"Davies had been under attack for years by the McCarthy-Knowland-Fulton Lewis axis . . . The GOP bigwigs have pulled another McCarthy double-shuffle—spitting in his face while kissing him on another portion of his anatomy."

Joseph C. Harsch, the Christian Science Monitor specialist on foreign affairs, wouldn't dream of going into the anatomical details so flatly hinted by the Colorado Labor Advocate, but he says that Mr. Dulles would have exonerated Mr. Davies, and saved him for the Foreign Service, had he felt politically free to do so. But, points out Harsch:

"Several prominent Republican politicians had publicly attacked Mr. Davies. The principal ones were Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, Senator William F. Knowland of California, and Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire. Therefore the political reputations of three prominent Republicans were at stake."

What was Mr. Davies' crime? Here is the sedate and scrupulous Harsch's version of it:

"His alleged lack of judgment was based on an assessment of conditions in China from 1942 to 1945 which largely have been borne out by subsequent events . . . The strategists of the West are concentrating on ways and means of achieving now what Mr. Davies wanted them to start trying to do 10 years ago."

Dulles' reward from Knowland for wrecking the morale of the State Department will of course continue to be snipeshooting at Dulles from the sidelines, with the implication that only the Senator from Formosa Tower knows anything about foreign affairs.

Brother Bennie's Noodle

Some brother who signs himself "Bennie" but goes no farther in revealing his identity advises our editor: "Stop yapping, you rotten loser. Howya gonna punish us bad boys who didn't vote like we was told but used our own noodles instead?"

Well, that's just what we advised our readers to do in our last issue before Election Day, in an editorial entitled "Voting Booth Is Your Castle" in which it was stated that "every informed reader of this paper knows that however ardently we have advocated the following of the endorsements and recommendations of the AFL Voters League, each individual labor man or woman has the right and the duty to vote as he or she pleases, regardless of what we have suggested."

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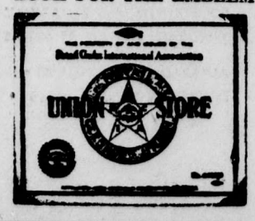
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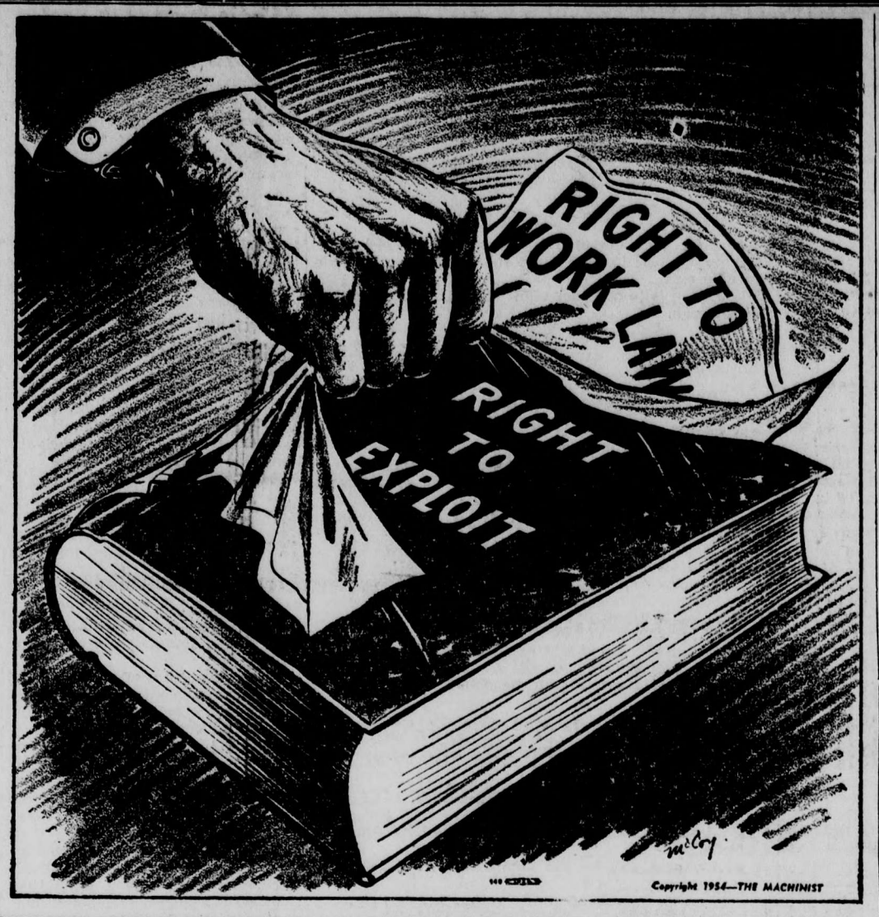
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The National Federation of Post Office Clerks sends a press release from Washington stating that the postal official who, together with Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield, worked hardest in lobbying against wage increase and for reclassification plan, has been named patronage dispenser for Post Office Department.

Ben H. Guill, executive assistant to Postmaster General, was revealed by Washington civil service reporters as man who is responsible for getting jobs for "loyal Republicans".

Guill operates under order issued from White House that several categories of jobs throughout government be held for Republicans.

Patronage hirings will be handled by specially-named officials, like Guill, in all government departments and agencies . . . regular personnel offices will be bypassed.

White House patronage order came shortly after President Eisenhower sent strong and specific letter to agencies directing them to avoid political hirings, yet new directive orders patronage clearance and political recruitment not only for jobs usually in this category, but also for some positions under merit system.

Washington civil service reporters write that sections of White House directive are clearly illegal.

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General President Of IBEW to Speak

J. Scott Milne, President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, will be presented in an address at the University of San Francisco on Wednesday evening, December 1st at 8:00 p.m., on the topic "The Future of Unionism in the United States," under the sponsorship of the university's Labor-Management school.

Milne, on a West Coast tour from his national headquarters in Washington, D. C., will trace the growth of unions during the past century and give his observations on the future prospects of union programs.

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James A. Campbell, AFGE national president, filled the entire front page of the publication in the November 12 issue with an editorial on the subject. Part of the editorial follows:

"For many months, the public has been led to believe—through speeches by official Administration spokesmen—that the security program represented the purging of Communists from the Government service. Statistics were released which were completely meaningless. Persons who resigned or lost their jobs through reductions in force were listed as security risks if a later examination of their files showed any derogatory information, even though no charges had ever been brought and they were never offered an opportunity to refute the information.

"Newspapers, including The Government Standard, which have sought more detailed breakdowns on the so-called "security removals," have been told that the information was not available.

"Yet, at the height of the recent election campaign, a high official of our Government made a partisan political speech in which he quoted what he alleged were actual cases taken from the files on the security program."

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Secretary Mitchell's Argument Against Party Label Is Taken Apart

Sam Blanford, Machinists 284, calls attention to an interesting article in the Machinists Monthly Magazine. The opening paragraph follows:

At the American Federation of Labor Convention in Los Angeles last September, the Secretary of Labor of the United States, Mr. James Mitchell, took it upon himself to lecture the AFL and its affiliated organizations upon what he termed their biased approach to political questions.

Two days before, in an off-the-cuff, off-the-record, talk before the International Labor Press of America, Secretary Mitchell had made the same point, witn a far greater display of intemperance, in lecturing the editors of labor papers upon the way in which they should discharge their duties.

Neither organized labor, nor the labor press, is, as Secretary Mitchell seems to believe, partisan in its aproach to politics. For the labor movement is fully cognizant of the danger of attaching itself to a party—of becoming hypnotized by any label but the union label.

Indeed, the Secretary, in his plea for "objectiveness" found himself in the contradictory position of pushing a party label which hides as hollow a labor record as has been produced in many years.

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